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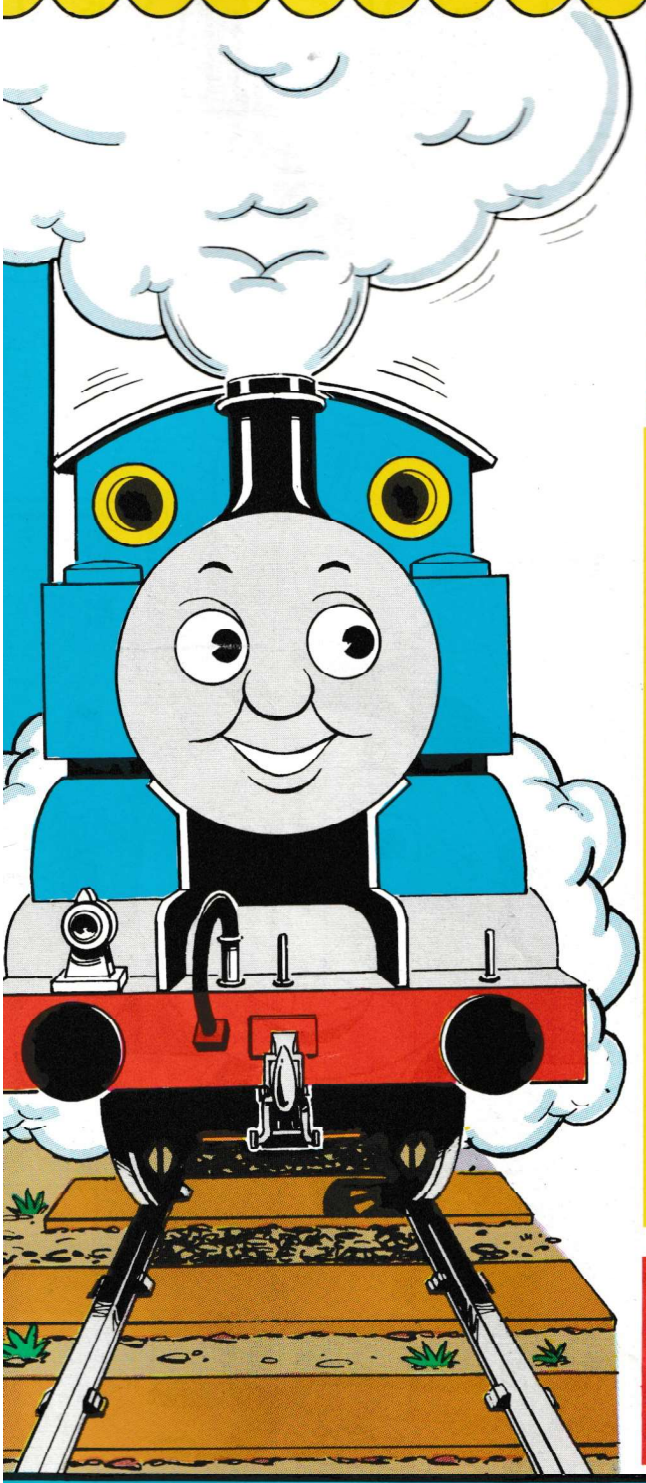

Peep! Peep! Thomas and his friends are very excited because the Fat Controller has said that one of them is going to be chosen by the Mayor for a very special task! You can find out who this special engine will be when you read the story that begins on page 3! Don't miss our second story either, when Thomas can't stop himself from sneezing! Oh dear! That will never do! Peep! Peep!

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT!

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In this issue of **Thomas the Tank Engine & Friends** you can win your very own splendid **Thomas Bed** from **AJAYS Ltd**! Turn to page **14** for details!

LOOK OUT FOR THE NEW THOMAS CLUB!

Jump on board! The official **Thomas the Tank Engine Club** has arrived! Full details of how to join the new Thomas Club can be found on page **12** of this issue! Additionally we wish to notify all our readers who are currently members of the existing **comic readers club** that from **next week** you will have the opportunity to obtain a new **Fat Controller's card** by collecting three tokens. This will enable you to enter special competitions and offers which will be featured on our new **Noticeboard page** (alternatively return your current card with a stamped addressed envelope to receive the new **Fat Controller's card** in return). You can still save tokens for your new numbered card in our new **Noticeboard page** which will commence in our next issue (106).

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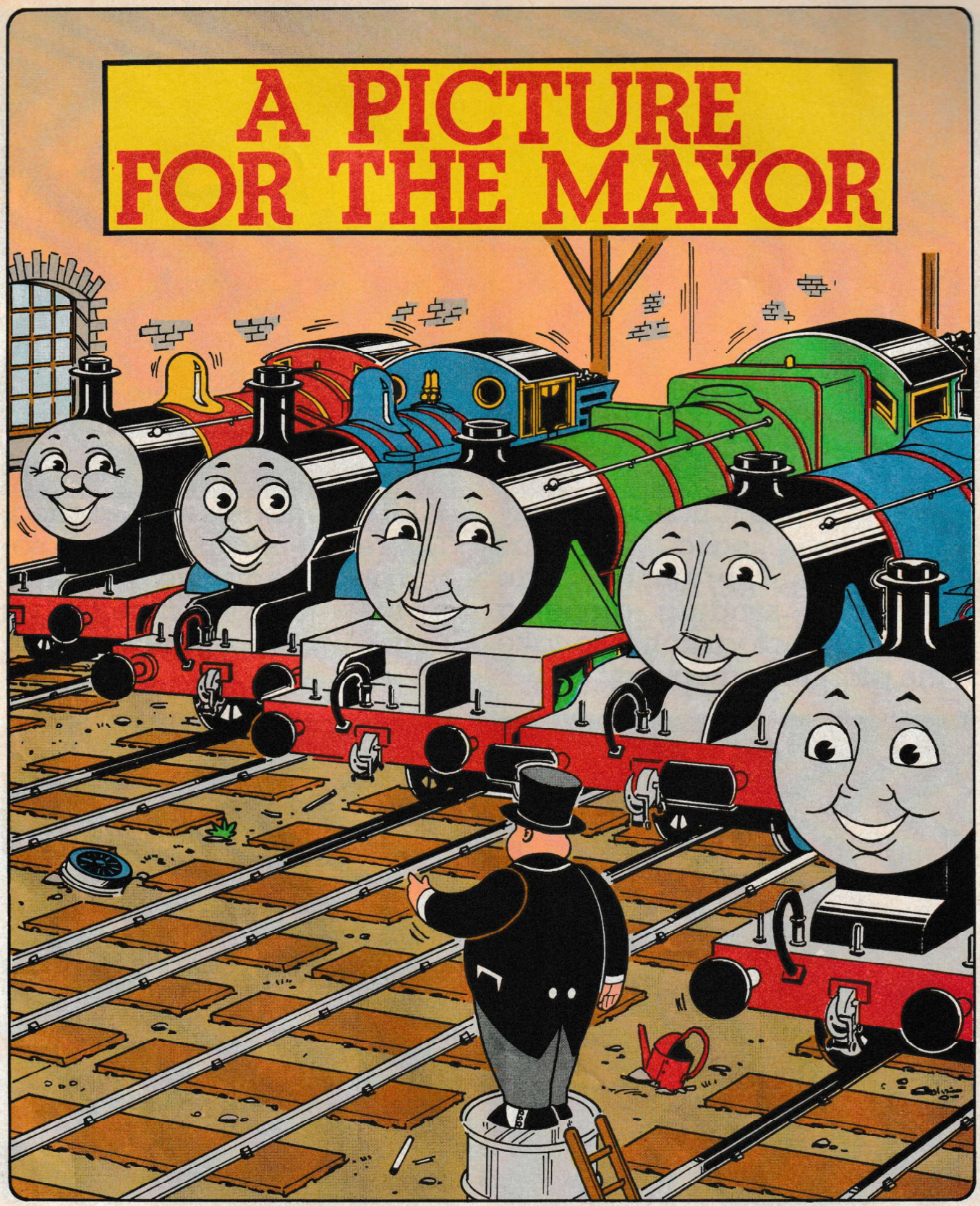
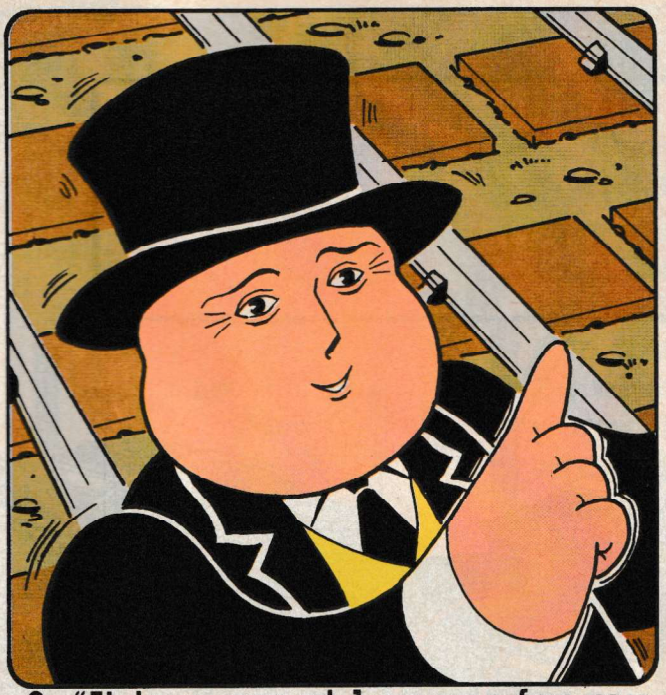
A listen and look story!

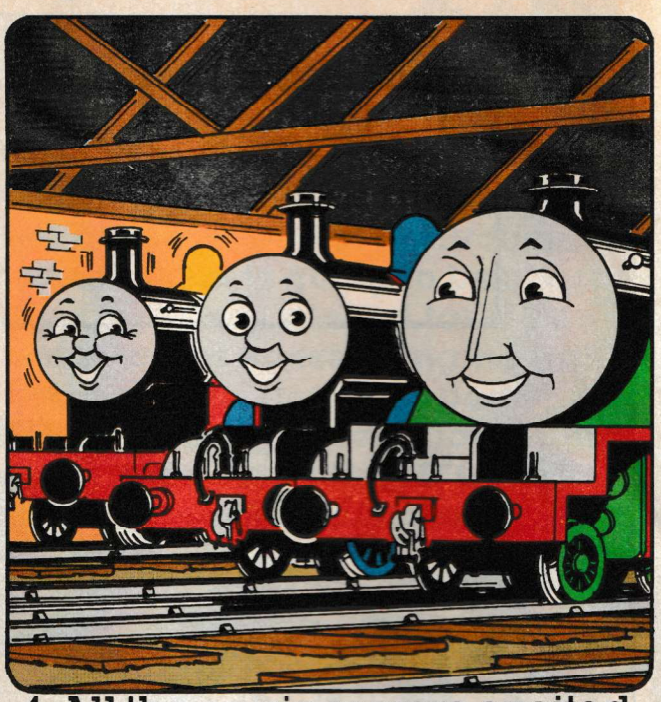


1. One evening, after all the engines had finished their work, the Fat Controller went to see them in their shed. "I have some important news," he announced.

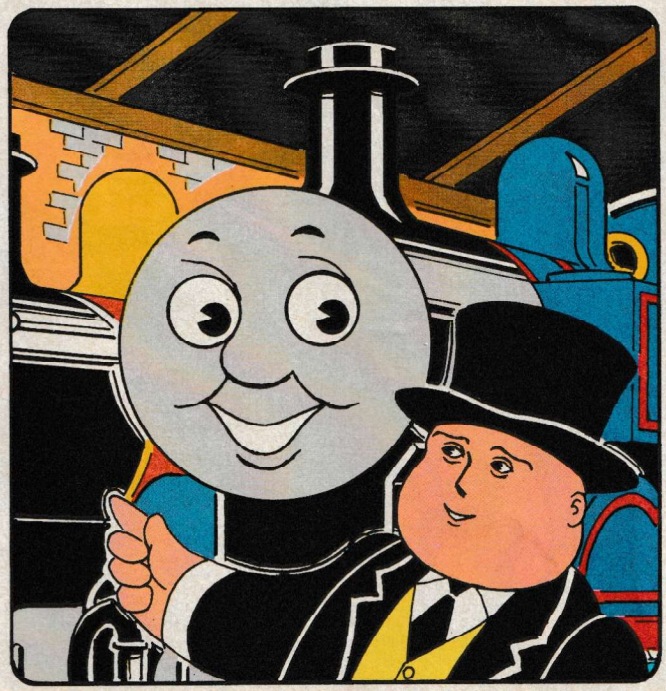
2. The engines wondered what he was going to tell them. "The Mayor of Sodor would like a photograph of a splendid engine to hang in the Town Hall!" he said.



3. "It is a great honour for my railway!" said the Fat Controller, proudly. "The Mayor is sending along a special photographer to take the picture, tomorrow."

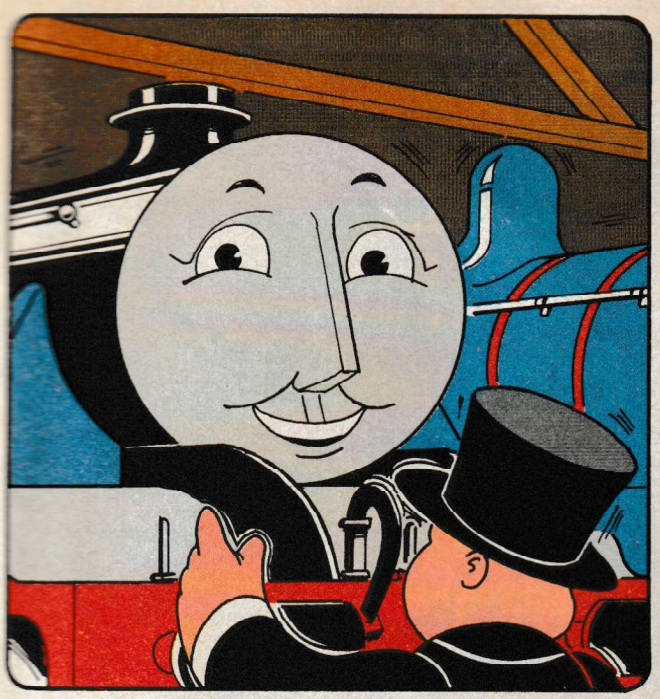


4. All the engines were excited. They each imagined a photograph of themselves hanging up in the Mayor's office. Only a Really Useful Engine would be chosen!

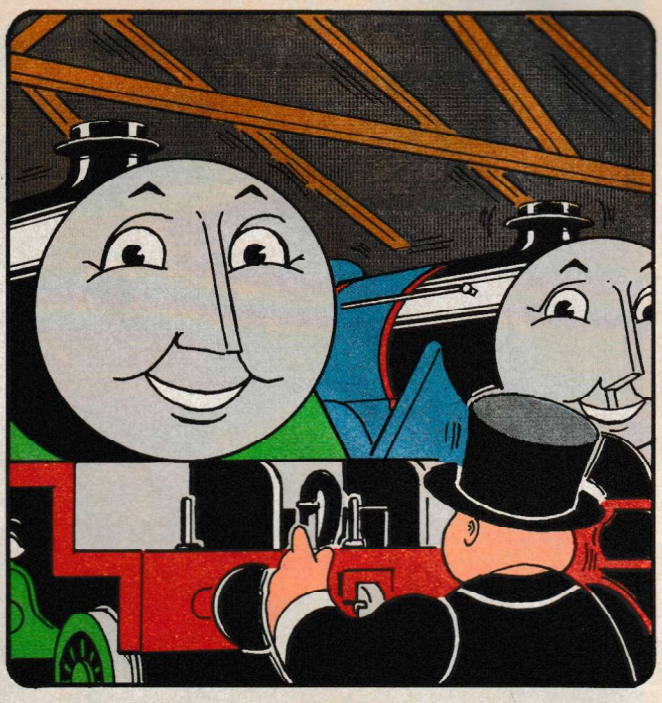


5. "Excuse me, sir," Thomas asked the Fat Controller excitedly. "Have you decided which engine is to be photographed?" "Not yet," said the Fat Controller.

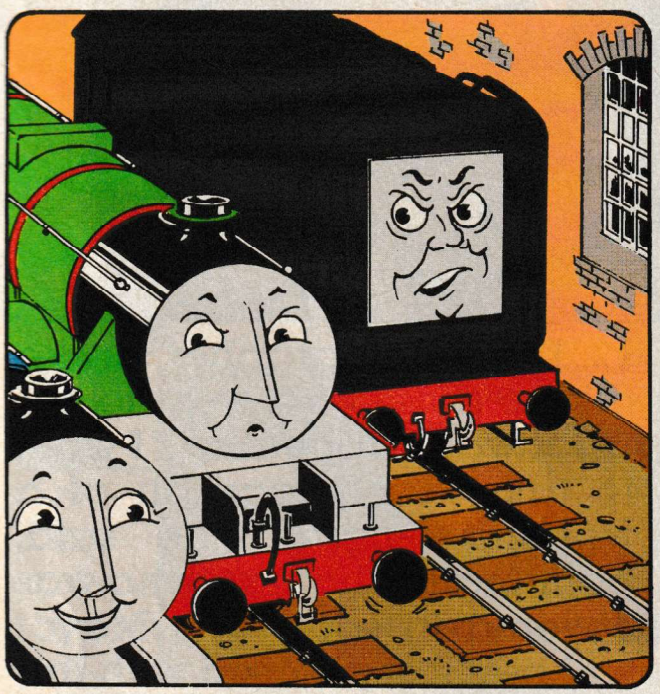
6. "I am sure the Mayor would like a picture of me, sir," said Daisy. "I am a diesel railcar. I'm so thoroughly modern and bang up to date." "What about me?" said Gordon.



7. "I am the strongest and fastest engine on the Island of Sodor. And I pull the Express," he boasted. "A picture of me would look splendid!" The Fat Controller agreed.



8. "Henry must pull the Express tomorrow," announced the Fat Controller. "While Gordon is cleaned and polished so he looks his best for the photographer!"



9. That night, in the shed, the engines could talk of nothing else but the Mayor's photograph. Gordon was very excited and continuously boasted to the other engines.

10. The next day, while Henry took the Express, Gordon was polished until he gleamed. He pulled proudly out of the workshop and rolled grandly into the Main Station.

11. Meanwhile, Thomas was shunting trucks in the yard. The trucks were full of coal and Thomas was getting dusty and dirty. He watched the photographer arrive with the Fat Controller. "I wish I could be photographed," grumbled Thomas. The trucks were being very troublesome. "Sssh!" Thomas told them. "We have a visitor today!"

12. The photographer heard all the noise and went to see what was happening. "I want to take a photograph of a working engine," he said, pointing to Thomas, who was covered in soot. "The Mayor will be most pleased with this one!" Thomas was very surprised and extremely pleased. "Oh, thank you, sir," he peeped.

THE END

In our next issue: The strange sound!

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A read-aloud story!

THOMAS SEES SMOKE!

The weather on the Island of Sodor had been very hot and dry.

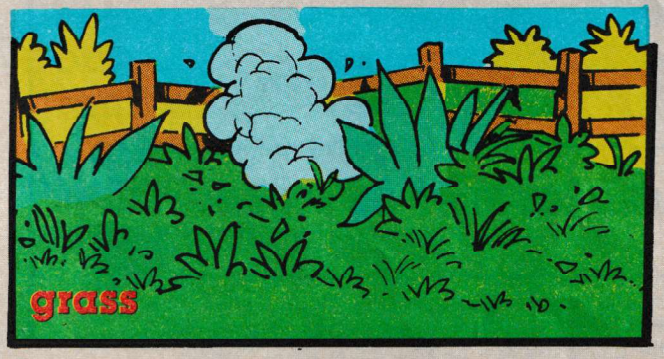
"I can't remember when it last rained" said Thomas's driver.

It was hard work pulling a goods train in the hot sunshine. The rails felt hot on Thomas's wheels as he raced through the countryside.

Thomas's driver noticed that the grass beside the track had grown very long.

"One spark from your funnel or wheels could set the grass alight!" he warned Thomas.

"All this sun has made it become very dry!" Later that day, as Thomas took Annie and Clarabel back to the main station, they saw smoke beside the track.



"Oh dear! The driver said this could happen!" cried Thomas, anxiously. "Some sparks have landed on the grass and it has started to burn!"

Thomas raced on as fast as he could to get help. When he reached the Main Station yard, he called to the Fat Controller, "Fire, fire! Do hurry, please sir!"

The Fat Controller quickly sent Thomas back up the line with a team of gangers. When Thomas reached the section of track where the grass was smouldering, the gangers climbed down and began to beat out the smoke with special sticks.

"The fire is out!" the chief ganger said, at last.

The gangers worked non-stop. As one team rested, another took over the work. Percy arrived and the grass was loaded on to his empty trucks.

"You can go back now Thomas," said Percy. "I have to take the grass to the hill farms. It will be used to feed the farm animals next winter."

Next morning, the Fat Controller asked Thomas to help Percy take more cut grass up to the hill farms. Some trucks were coupled to Thomas and he set off. He passed the Vicarage Orchard, where his friend Trevor the Traction Engine Lives.

"Hello, Trevor!" called Thomas. "Did you hear about the emergency yesterday?"

Trevor liked to hear all the latest news. Thomas told him about the burning grass beside the track. "It was a very serious situation", said Thomas. "I was so worried! My sparks almost started a bad fire!" Next moment, Thomas was to see smoke drifting out of the orchard. "Oh, gracious!" he gasped. "There's another fire Trevor!" Thomas and Trevor watched.

"It's another emergency!" gasped Thomas, coughing and spluttering.

"No, it's not, Thomas!" said Trevor. "Look!"

Thomas opened his eyes again and saw that the smoke was coming from a bonfire.

"It's only Jem burning leaves in the orchard", laughed Thomas and Trevor, feeling very relieved indeed!

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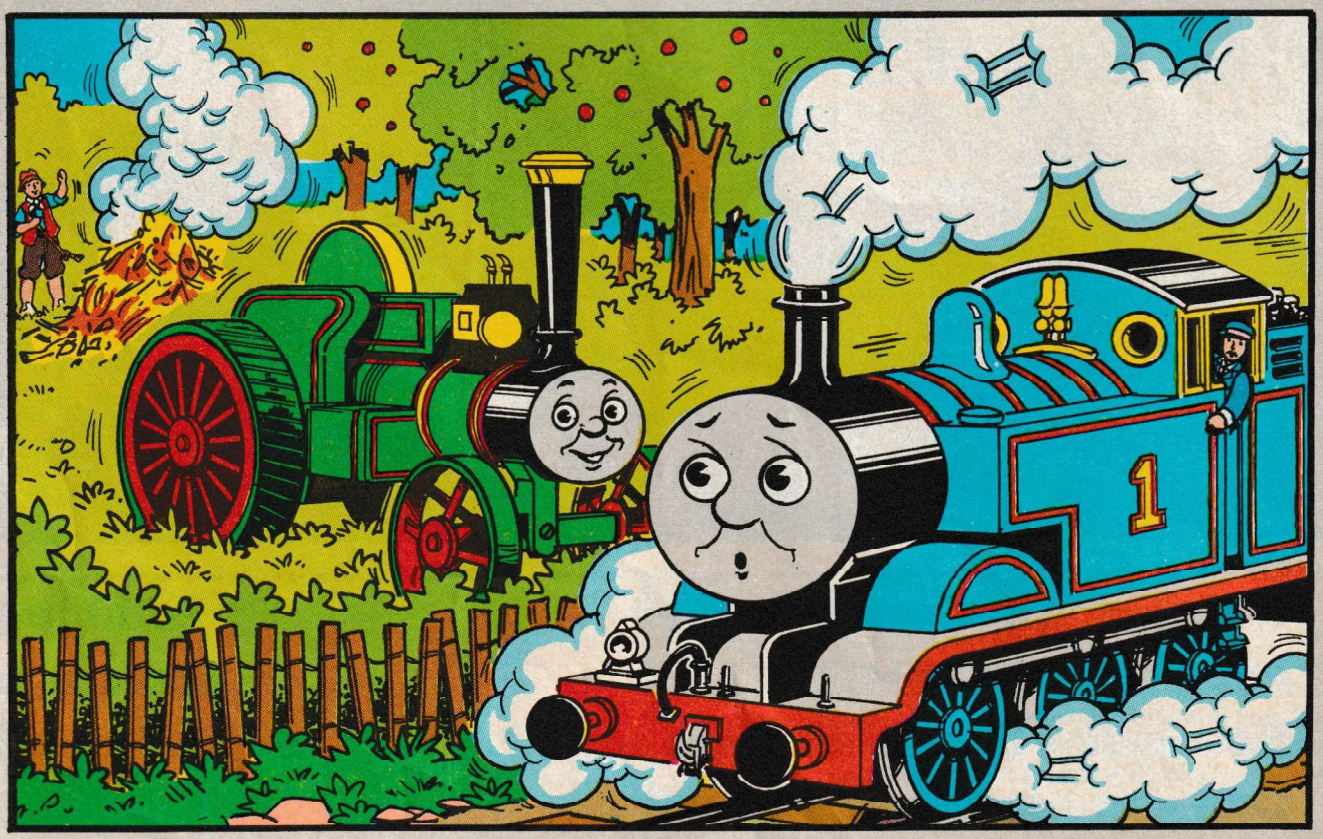
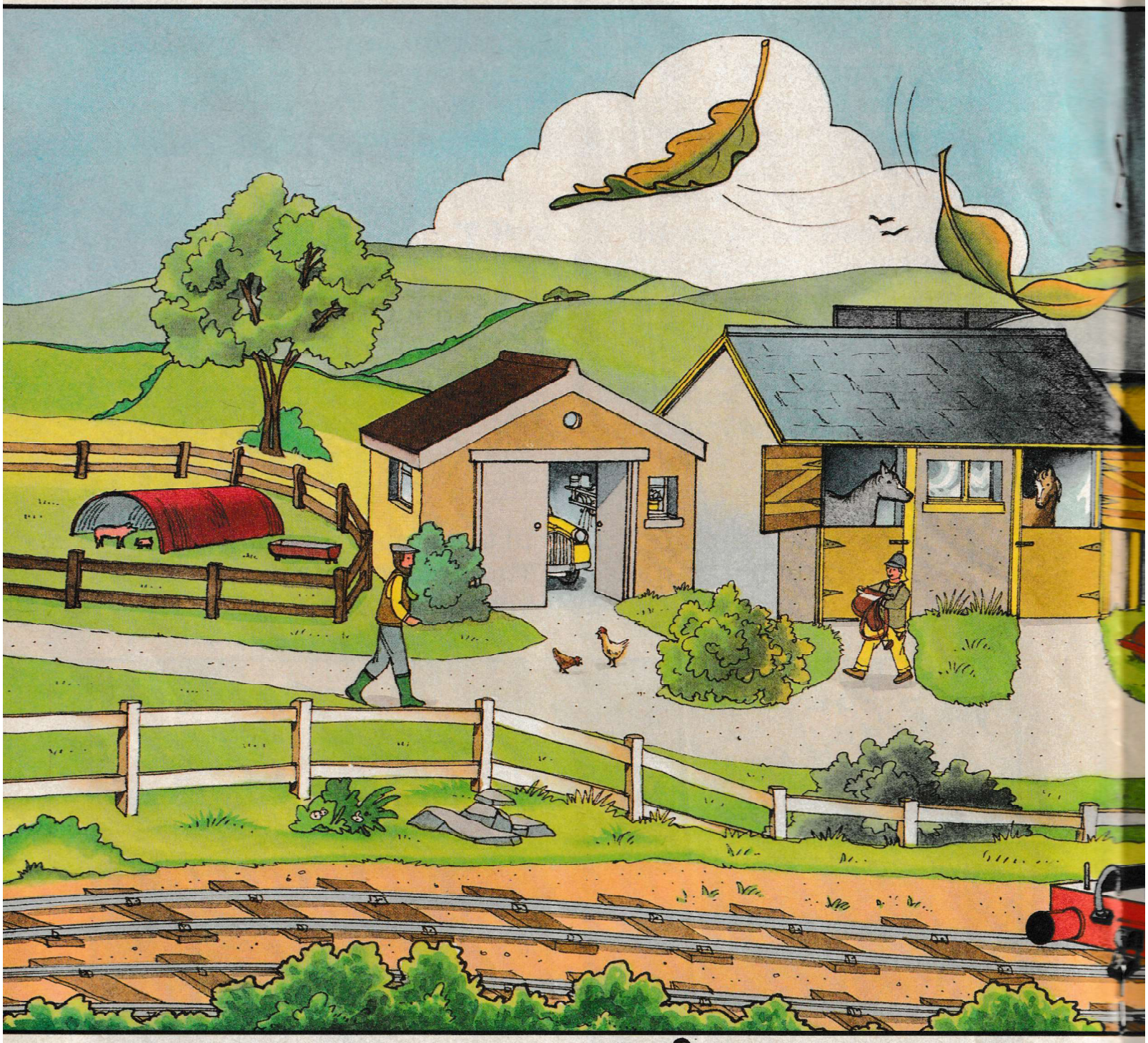


Past the farm



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Point to the stables!

How many horses can you see?

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How many cows

Point to the farm

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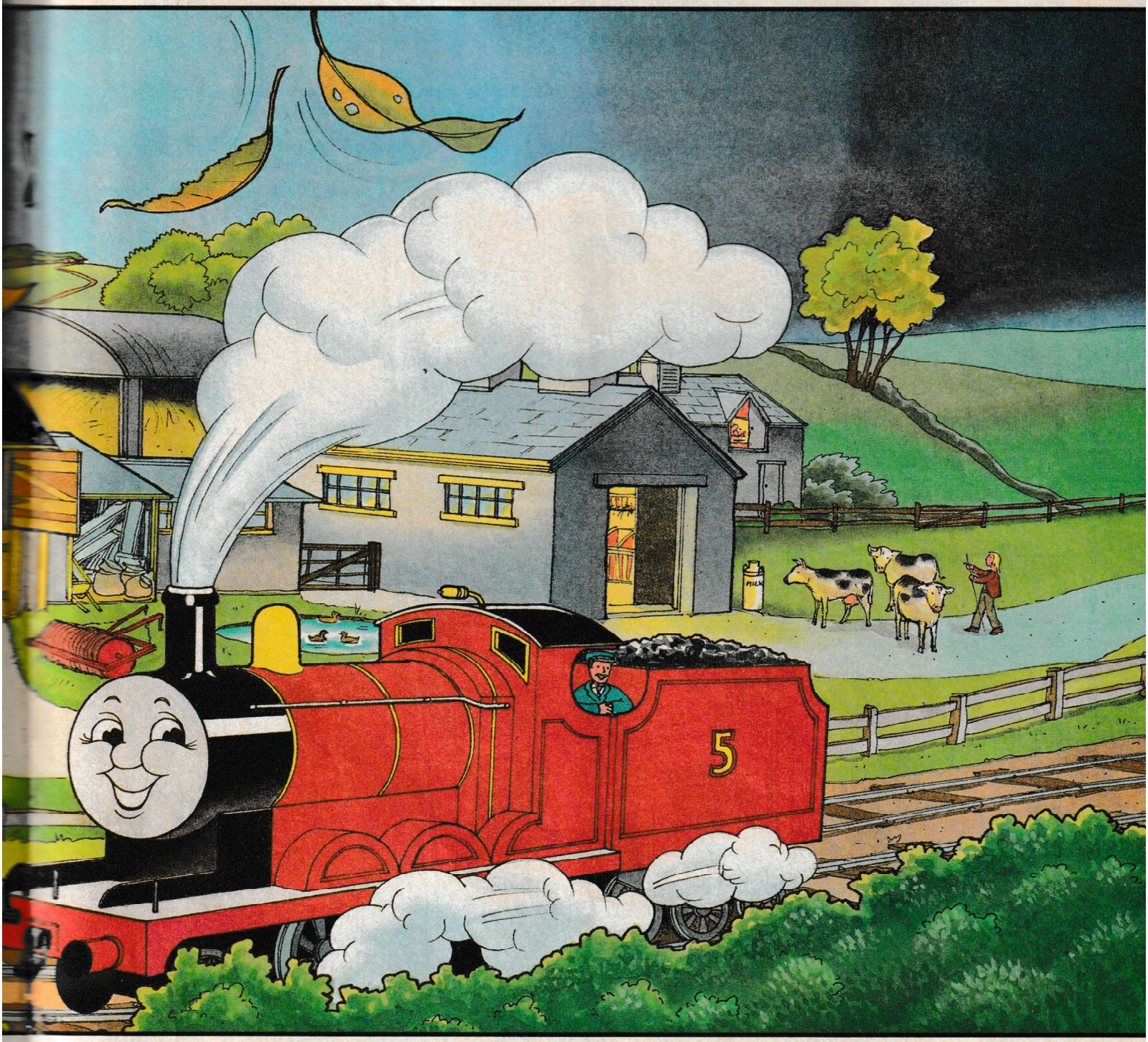

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the duck's pond?

Note for parents

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Next issue: It's firework night!

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and Join The Thomas The Tank Engine Club

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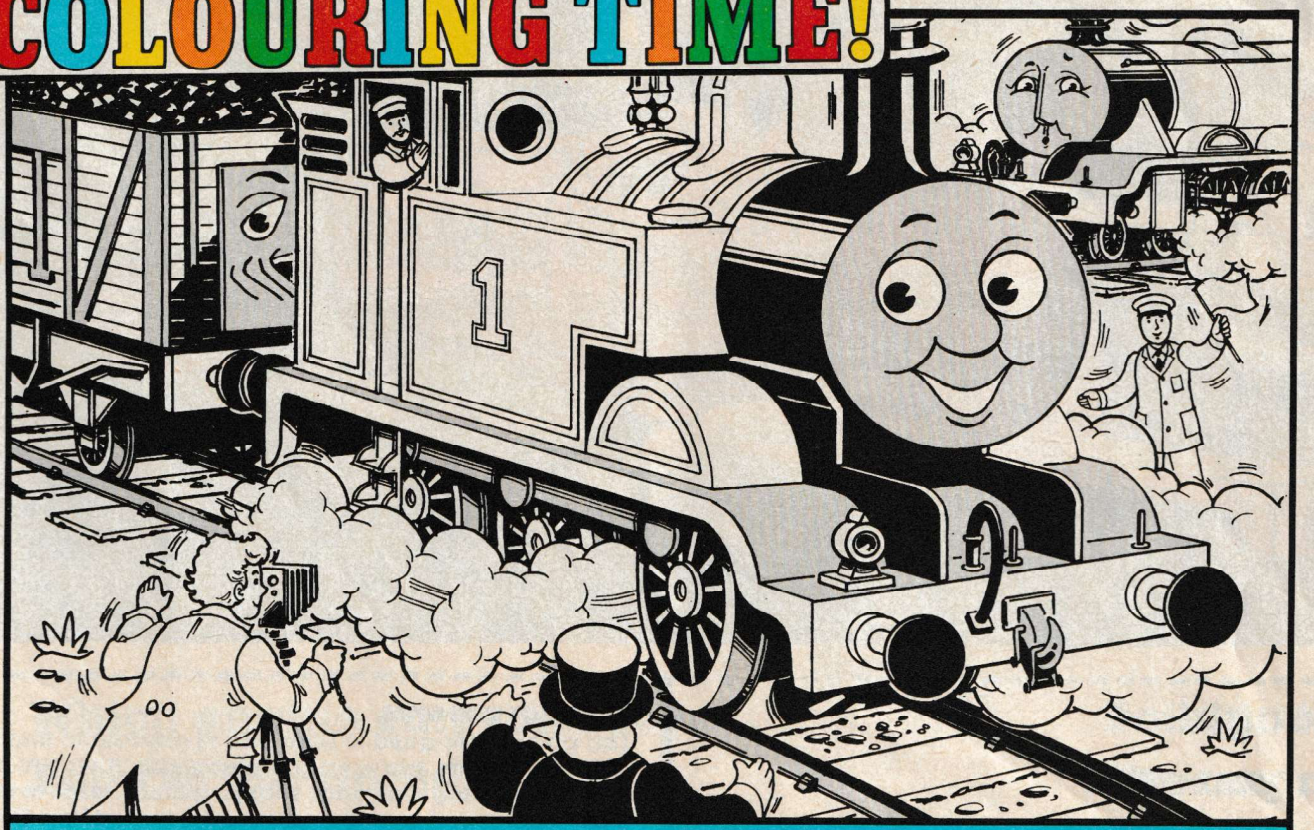

Thomas is having his picture taken for you,
So colour him in red, yellow and blue!

Peep Peep EVERYONE

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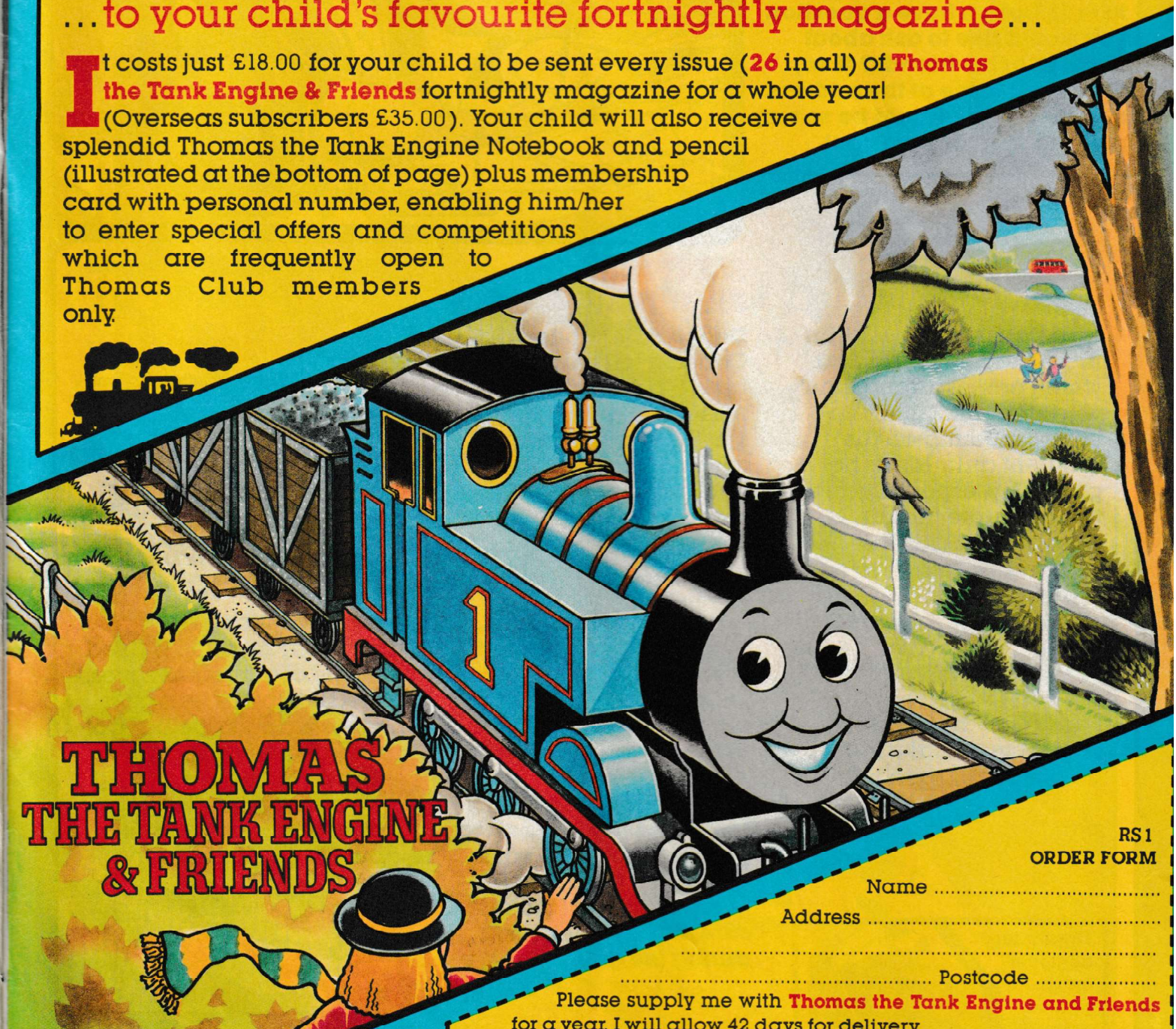

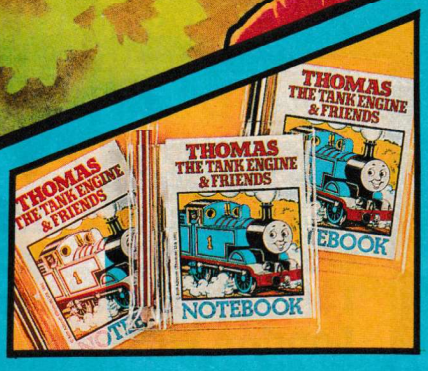

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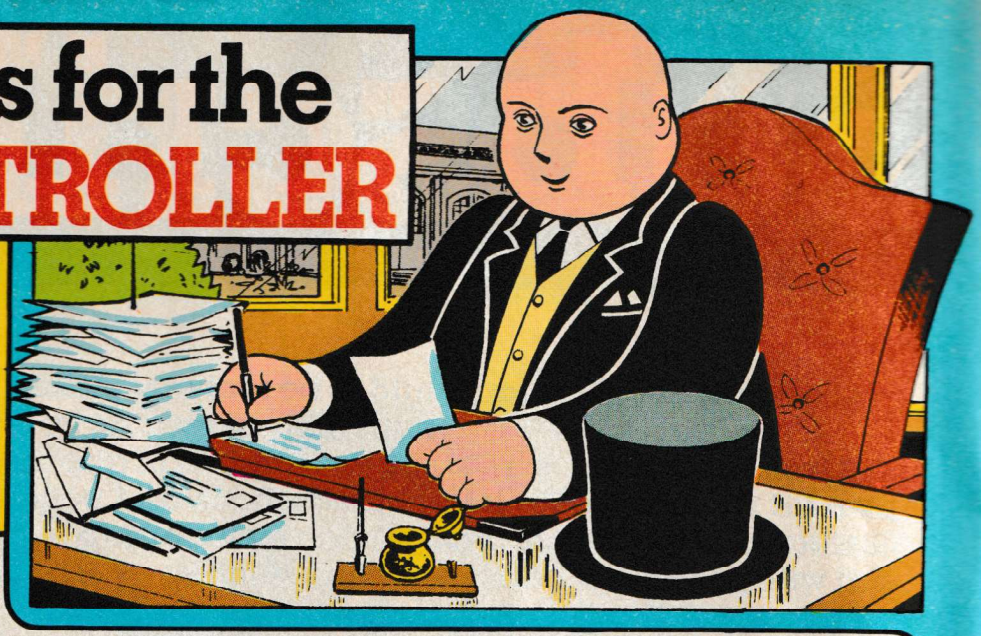

Have you got an amusing story to tell? Do you have a question you would like to ask about Thomas or his friends? If so, then write to me at the address shown below! I would be so very pleased to hear from you!

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STAR LETTER!

Dear Fat Controller,
Of all the lines that Percy works on, none gives him more pleasure than that which passes through the wildlife park. I think he enjoys meeting all the different animals as he passes by, especially his two favourite friends, Gerald and Sally the giraffes!
Love from **Matthew Haile,**
aged 6.

I do agree! The wildlife park on the Island of Sodor is beautiful and Percy loves to take new animals in the special high-sided truck to the park!

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The sender of any letter that is printed as our **STAR LETTER** will win a splendid **Thomas, James** and **Henry 3-piece diecast set** from *ERTL (UK) Ltd.*

SLEEPING ENGINES!

Dear Fat Controller,
Can you tell me what time Thomas and his friends go to bed? My mummy says that by seven o'clock, all the engines are probably safely tucked up in their sheds and fast asleep, so I should go to bed too! Is she right?
Love from **Daniel,**
aged 3.

Well Daniel! Your mother is right because you need to rest in order to be very useful! Most of my engines are put away in their sheds by early evening. However, some engines are still needed to work late but I make sure they get their rest during the day!

IDLE ENGINES!

Dear Fat Controller,
What do you do when you are not using one of your engines? Do you still run them to keep them well?
Love from **Danny Booth.**

It is very unusual for any of my engines not to be in use. There is always work for everyone on my railway.

BIRTHDAYS!

Special birthday greetings go out to the following readers . . . Garry Buckland, Christopher Mattheus (30796), Peter Creegan, Richard James Schofield (34660), Matthew Glen Wood (30220), Murray Mannall (35426), David Russell (29354), Ben Kelly (36115), Simon Pampling (35248), Stuart Chubbock (0684), Kimberly Ives (32987), Matthew David Light (32639), Leon Atkins (31236), Tanya Louise (36984).

If you would like a birthday mention printed in one of our future issues, please send details on a postcard or on the back of a sealed envelope at least **9 weeks in advance.** We cannot promise to print all the birthdays, but we will do our very best.

Yours,
Sir Topham Hatt
the Fat Controller.

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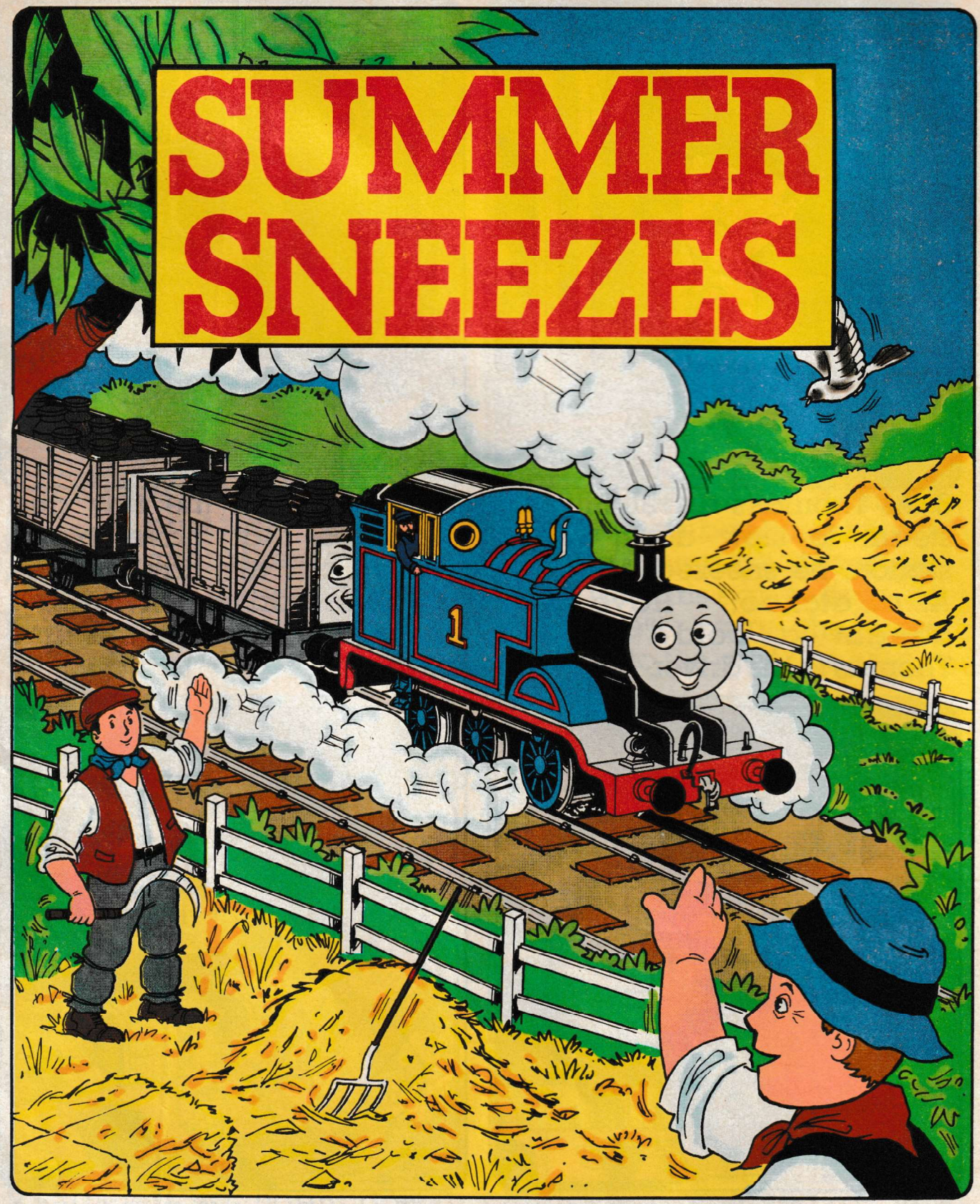
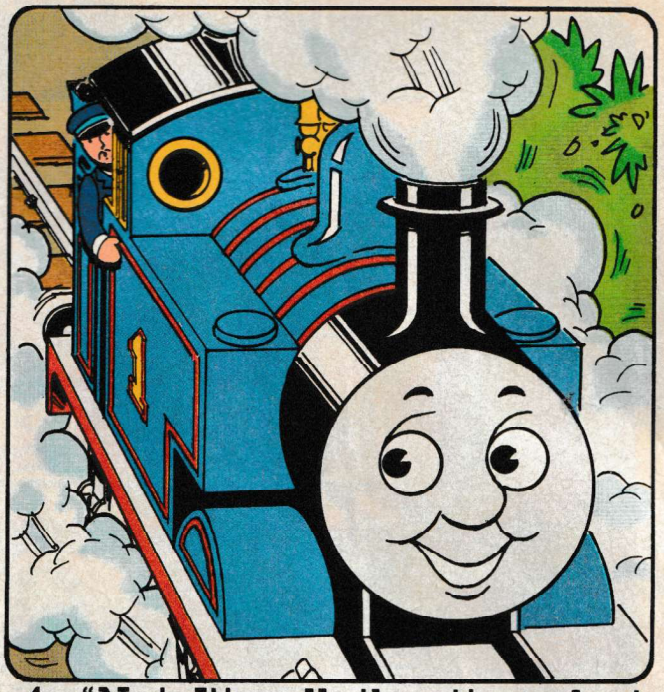


1. It was a lovely morning and Thomas was out bright and early to pull the milk train. The hill farmers, working in their fields, waved as Thomas passed.

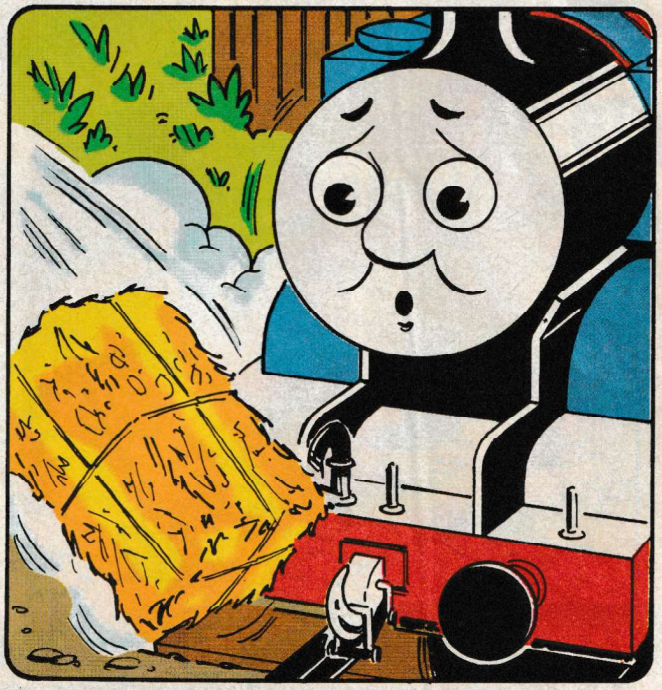
2. "I love hay-cutting time," Thomas thought. "Looking after a farm can be as busy as running a railway," said Thomas's driver. "All the dried hay must be gathered."

3. As Thomas's driver shut off steam to slow down for a station, he sneezed. "Atchoo! A...a...atchoo!" "Have you caught a cold?" called Thomas to his driver.

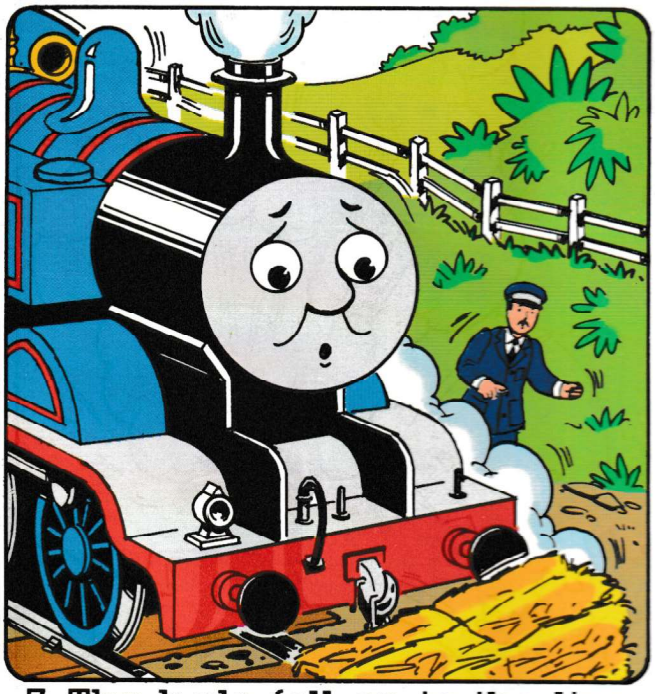


4. "No! It's all the tiny dust particles that have blown loose from the hay," replied Thomas's driver. "It always makes me sneeze at this time of year."

5. "I'm glad hay doesn't make me sneeze!" said Thomas. At that moment, Terence the Tractor arrived at the little station pulling a cart full of big hay bales.

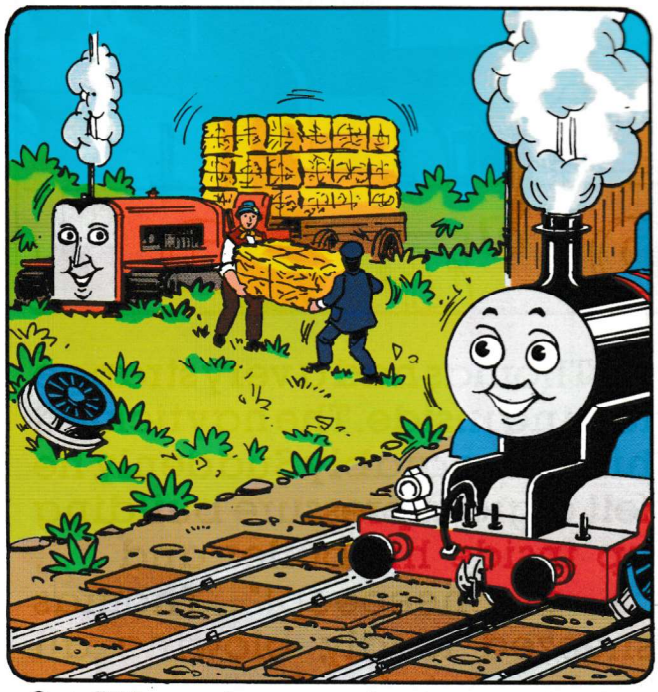


6. "Peep! Peep! Hello!" called Thomas. "Does the hay make your driver sneeze?" he asked Terence. Poor Terence didn't have time to answer as a bale of hay tumbled off the cart.



7. The bale fell on to the line, just ahead of Thomas. "Cinders and ashes!" gasped Thomas. "I can't continue my journey until the bale has been removed!"

8. Terence's driver climbed down the embankment on to the line. Thomas's driver got down from his cab to help, as well. "We'll carry the bale back up to the cart," he said.



9. "There's no harm done!" Thomas's driver said to Terence. "Your cart is very full!" The dust from the hay began to make Thomas's driver sneeze again. "Atchoo!"

10. Thomas watched as his driver helped lift the bale of hay, amid bouts of spluttering and sneezing. His driver's eyes watered so much that he dropped the bale by mistake.

11. The bale shuddered as it hit the floor, shaking loose particles of hay which blew across the track. As Thomas waited patiently, a bundle of hay drifted high into the sky and right down into his funnel! Thomas was very surprised. "Ooh! The hay tickles," he said, as the hay slid down the inside of his funnel and into his boiler.

12. Thomas had a very strange feeling inside. The hay tickled him unbearably. Suddenly, he felt a great pressure building up inside his boiler and . . . "A...a...pheeeeep!" Thomas sneezed loudly, blowing all the hay out of his funnel with a tremendous gust! Now Thomas felt very sorry for his driver who would be sneezing all summer!

THE END

In our next issue: No trouble for Terence!